



Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians

Elected Officials

Chairman: Bennie Tso

Vice-Chairperson: Darren Sackett

Council Members: Lucille Campa, Debra Faria, Chris Spottedeagle, Curtis Anderson, Robert Segmiller

Environmental Director: CFO Steven Gill (acting)

Land Base: 3,853 acres

Primary Economy: Golf Resort, Smoke Shop

Population and Poverty (2010 Census): 154 residents live on the Reservation; 16.3% of which live below the poverty level.

Educational Attainment (of persons over 25): 64.6% have at least a high school diploma; 13.3% have a bachelor's or graduate degree.

EPA Funding (FY14)

Air	\$70,000
Water Infrastructure	\$165,000
Total	\$235,000



General information

On December 30, 1911, ranch owner Helen J. Stewart deeded 10 acres of her land in downtown Las Vegas to the Paiutes, establishing the Las Vegas Paiute Colony. Through an Act of Congress in 1983, an additional 4,000 acres came into Paiute possession at the Snow Mountain Reservation, eighteen miles northwest of the original reservation settlement in downtown Las Vegas. The Snow Mountain Reservation would become the site for the future economic development of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe.

The Las Vegas Paiute Tribe has a small residential community (28 homes) within Las Vegas proper and an additional 3,800 acres of land at the Snow Mountain Reservation, approximately 25 minutes northwest from downtown Las Vegas. Part of this land is now the Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort.

Air Quality

Clark County is out of attainment for ozone and particulate matter. The Tribe has received funding from EPA's Air Program to purchase monitors. Monitors have been purchased by the LVPT, and they have received training from Clark County on the operations of the monitors. Clark County also assisted the Tribe with installing the monitors and picking the site for placement of the monitors. The Tribe and Clark County have a signed Interlocal Agreement that allows the Tribe to monitor using the approved Clark County QAPP.

Contact: Roy Ford, 415-972-3997

General Assistance Program (GAP)

The Tribe is a past recipient of GAP funds for environmental education, planning, and outreach. Due to programmatic non-compliance, the Tribe does not currently receive GAP funds from EPA. The Agency has discussed with the Tribe the steps needed to return to compliance and become eligible for future funds. EPA is currently finalizing a letter requesting that the Tribe pay back \$145,000 of funds due to incomplete workplan commitments and deliverables from 2007-2011. As soon as the Regional Administrator designates a Region 9 DDO the final letter will be sent.

Contact: Pamela Overman, 415-972-3781

Drinking Water Program

The Las Vegas Paiute Tribe operates one public water system (PWS) on their main reservation that serves the 10 residential homes, the smoke shop and the golf resort. In recent years the operations of the drinking water facilities have improved tremendously and the PWS is in full compliance with all regulations.

Currently there is an investigation into whether their smaller land area within the city limits of Las Vegas should be defined as a consecutive PWS as the Tribe is responsible for the distribution and connections and receives water from the city at a single metered connection.

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Water Infrastructure Project

The Tribe is a recipient of FY10 Special Appropriation funds for Water Infrastructure Improvements. The Tribe proposed 2 projects, a Colony water and sewer line replacement project and Snow Mountain Water System and Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project. NEPA was completed for the Colony project and funds were awarded for that project. The Tribe is working on the RFP for the Colony project and will be starting work on NEPA for the Snow Mountain project. EPA has requested that the Tribe undergo procurement review for the Colony project. A \$165,000 award has been made to the Tribe for FY14 out of a total approved amount of \$533,500.

Contact: Stephanie Wilson, 775-885-6190

Economic Development/UST

The Las Vegas Paiute Tribe developed a thriving cigarette retail business at its downtown Las Vegas Tribal Smoke Shop. This business now ranks as the largest single retailer of cigarettes in the United States, and is among the top ten non-gaming businesses in Nevada. **The Snow Mountain Smoke Shop is also a UST facility (3-10,000 gal USTs) which was last inspected by EPA on April 7, 2011. It was in compliance at that time.**
Contact: Rebecca Jamison, 415-972-3365

On March 1, 1994, the Tribe opened its first golf course, designed by Pete Dye. It has since opened two additional courses and has a clubhouse, pro shop, restaurant and banquet facilities. 54 championship holes meets 360-degree views, Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort is the first master-planned, multi-course facility constructed on Native American land. Located on the Las Vegas Paiute Reservation approximately 25 minutes northwest from downtown Las Vegas and 15 minutes from Summerlin; the Tribe owns 3 championship golf courses – Snow Mountain, Sun Mountain and WOLF – opened in 1995, 1996 and 2001 respectively. The 50,000 square foot clubhouse houses a full restaurant and bar, a 5,000 square foot event facility, and the largest golf shop within Nevada.